



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5254***

LCO No. 1226



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:  
(INS)

***AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2021*) Each individual health  
2 insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in  
3 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general  
4 statutes delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued  
5 in this state on or after January 1, 2021, that provides coverage for  
6 prescription drugs shall provide coverage for medication-assisted  
7 treatment for opioid use disorder. Such coverage shall include  
8 medically necessary behavioral therapy and counseling in combination  
9 with prescription drugs that are prescribed by a physician or physician  
10 assistant, licensed under chapter 370 of the general statutes, or an  
11 advanced practice registered nurse, licensed under chapter 378 of the  
12 general statutes, and approved by the federal Food and Drug  
13 Administration for treatment of opioid use disorder. For the purposes  
14 of this section, "opioid use disorder" means a medical condition  
15 characterized by a problematic pattern of opioid use and misuse leading  
16 to clinically significant impairment or distress.

17       Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2021*) Each group health insurance  
 18 policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2),  
 19 (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered,  
 20 issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state on or  
 21 after January 1, 2021, that provides coverage for prescription drugs shall  
 22 provide coverage for medication-assisted treatment for opioid use  
 23 disorder. Such coverage shall include medically necessary behavioral  
 24 therapy and counseling in combination with prescription drugs that are  
 25 prescribed by a physician or physician assistant, licensed under chapter  
 26 370 of the general statutes, or an advanced practice registered nurse,  
 27 licensed under chapter 378 of the general statutes, and approved by the  
 28 federal Food and Drug Administration for treatment of opioid use  
 29 disorder. For the purposes of this section, "opioid use disorder" means  
 30 a medical condition characterized by a problematic pattern of opioid use  
 31 and misuse leading to clinically significant impairment or distress.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2021</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require health insurance coverage for medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*